

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Fay Mason_____.

Information: In her second essay answer on her supplemental application regarding her ability to be impartial, Applicant stated that she served as a member of the California Budget Review Task Force and the State of California Charter School Impact Committee. Bureau staff asked Applicant for more information about her service with these entities. Regarding the California Budget Review Task Force, Applicant stated that the task force was a short-term, ad hoc committee that met in the late 1970's or early 1980's to discuss the impact of new state budget requirements. Applicant reported that persons she knew at School Services of California, Inc. (SSC) asked her to attend the task force meetings. According to its website, SSC is a consulting business that provides information services, legislative or governmental advocacy, financial and business consulting services, executive search, and training to education agencies. Regarding the State of California Charter School Impact Committee, Applicant stated that this also was an ad hoc committee that met for two days in the late 1970's or early 1980's to examine newly passed charter school legislation and its impact on California's public schools. Persons she knew at SSC also asked her to attend the meetings of this entity._____.

Staff asked Applicant about her family members as listed in the "Family Information" section of her supplemental application. In response to questioning, Applicant stated that she has special relationships with her children because she has given gifts totaling \$1,000 or more to each of them during the past 12 months. Applicant noted that she amended her supplemental application to state that she has special relationships with her brothers because they share with her ownership of real property. Finally, regarding Shauniece Milton, who Applicant had listed as a sister-in-law on her supplemental application but did not declare whether she had a bona fide relationship with her, Applicant stated that she does not have a bona fide relationship with Ms. Milton._____.

Bureau staff contacted the authors of two of Applicant's letters of recommendation to confirm the information provided in their letters and receive any additional information that may be relevant. John Roach confirmed the information in his letter and added that Applicant is incredibly fair, a good communicator, and a successful negotiator. Mr. Roach also stated that Applicant is strong enough to stand up for what she believes but closes the deal when it is time.

Paula Tanguay also confirmed the information in her letter. Ms. Tanguay stated that she is the Chief Executive Officer of the Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP) and that Applicant has served as ASCIP's President. According to Ms. Tanguay, ASCIP's board is made up of 26 members, and Applicant was able to bring this large board to consensus on decisions even when faced with contentious issues and strong egos. Ms. Tanguay also stated that Applicant is balanced, fair, and solicits the views of others.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Report Date: September 13, 2010.